(a) whether the Government are considering to allot more funds to West Bengal and Bihar for maintenance of G.T. Road;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in mind the National Highway 1 and 2 from Indo-Pak border to Calcutta. The funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise depending upon the requirement and the actual availability of funds.

The funds allocated to the States of West Bengal and Bihar in respect of Maintenance of National Highways during the last three years is as under:–

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Amount	
Year	*West Bengal*	*Bihar*
1993-94	1760.45	1276.45
1994-95	1744.02	1472.53
1995-96	1731.33	1763.95

Non-Government Organisations

4647. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those Non-Government Organisations recaiving aid from the Union Govemment;

(b) the details of field in which these NGOs are functioning; and

(c) their activities during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Pending Reservoir Scheme of NCT

4648. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reservoir schemes submitted by National Capital Territory Delhi;

(b) the time since when these schemes are pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the same are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Ministry of Water Resources has not received any reservoir scheme from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Corridor to link Jalpaigh with Dinajpur

4649 SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to open a corridor to link Jalpaigh with Dinajpur at Titulia and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Defence

Cultural Troups

4650. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cultural troups are to be sent overseas during the calendar year 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries to which they are to be sent; and

(c) the subjects in which these cultural units represent like drama, music etc.?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the cultural troups sent during this year since April and those proposed to be sent during the remaining months of 1996 are given in the statement.

(c) Details of the forms represented are also given in the enclosed statement.